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| For: CHARGED-PARTICLE BEAM DRAWING) |) | July 10, 2003 |
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| CHARGED-PARTICLE BEAM DRAWING) | : | |
| APPARATUS USING THE SAME | : | |

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Prior to further examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This Amendment has been prepared in accordance with the Revised Format established by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, as permitted in the Pre-OG Notice dated February 4, 2003, and entitled "Amendments in a Revised Format Now Permitted."

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Transmitted herewith is a Preliminary Amendment in the above-identified application.

☐ No additional fee is required.


The fee has been calculated as shown below:

| CLAIMS AS AMENDED | | | | | | |
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| | CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT | | HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR | PRESENT EXTRA | RATE | ADDITIONAL FEE |
| TOTAL CLAIMS | 20 | MINUS | 20 | = 0 | x \$9 \$18 | \$ 0.00 |
| INDEP. CLAIMS | 4 | MINUS | 3 | = 1 | x \$40 \$80 | \$ 84.00 |
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- ☐ *Verified Statement claiming small entity status is enclosed, if not filed previously.
- ☒ A check in the amount of \$834.00 is enclosed including the RCE filing fee (\$750.00) and the fee for additional claims (\$84.00).
- ☐ Charge \$____ to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.
- ☒ Any prior general authorization to charge an issue fee under 37 CFR 1.18 to Deposit Account No. 06-1205 is hereby revoked. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required during the entire pendency of this application, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate of this paper is enclosed.
- ☐ A check in the amount of \$_____ to cover the fee due for a one month extension is enclosed.
- ☐ A check in the amount of \$_____ to cover the Information Disclosure Statement fee is enclosed.
- ☒ Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,



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